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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

I understand this column is going to appear on the first page of our new Faculty-Staff news-

letter. Since I don't know if I'll ever make page one again, I'll take this opportunity to talk about something I think is most exciting and important.

Beginning early next month, Wright State will be the host to the Honorable E. Allan Lightner, Jr., of the U.S. Foreign Service, who will spend the 1969-70 academic year as "Ambassador-in-Residence" with the Dayton-Miami Valley Consortium.



Lightner

There are very few guidelines to govern how we take advantage of his assignment. Basically, he will serve as a resource person for classes in political affairs. However, his experience in 39 years with the State Department has been so varied that instructors in other fields might well ask him to meet with their classes.

He served in four different South American countries from 1930-38; in Latvia from 1938-40; in Moscow in 1940 and 1941; and in Sweden the following two years.

Ambassador Lightner's post-war assignments include service with the European Advisory Commission, and the Central European desk of the State Department. He also served at three different posts in Germany and one in Korea. His most recent post was at the National War College in Washington. *continued on page 4*



JACK BRUCE THOMAS  
1918-1969

## MEMORIAL FOR BRUCE THOMAS

Contributions are being sought for the Memorial Fund of the Southern Illinois University Foundation in the name of DR. JACK BRUCE THOMAS, Wright State University Provost who died suddenly August 21.

Dr. Thomas spent nearly 11 years at SIU, serving as Assistant to the Chancellor of the Edwardsville campus before joining Wright State July 1, 1969.

According to officials at SIU, the proceeds from the Memorial Fund help support disadvantaged students, particularly Negroes. If sufficient gifts are dedicated to Dr. Thomas, a special fund will be established in his name for the same purpose.

Mailing address for the SIU Foundation is:

President's Office  
Southern Illinois University  
Edwardsville, Illinois *continued on page 4*



## MUSICAL CHAIRS

If you're in a rush and looking for JOHN RAY'S Geography class in the southeast corner of the second floor of Allyn Hall, you're likely to bump into DEAN MILHEIM. The move of the Graduate Division offices from the first floor of Allyn Hall to room 281 is just one of several major departmental changes.

Others, either accomplished or imminent, include the following:

Student Aid - from 151 Allyn, to 280 Allyn

Student Counselors - from 152 Allyn to 135 Oelman

Dean of Students - from 152 Allyn to 151 Allyn

Director of Admissions - from 170 Allyn to 152 Allyn

Printing Shop - from 008 Oelman to 036 Oelman

In addition, the open area on the fourth floor of Fawcett becomes one large lecture room and two classrooms.

We almost forgot one: the Communications Office has moved to 256 Allyn from 258 which will be the home of the Director of Computer Services, FRANK GREENWOOD.

## UNIVERSITY BROCHURE

The Communications Office has a great many copies of the four-color brochure entitled "This is Wright State University." The brochure is still usable, although it is obsolescent, and will be replaced. Any unreasonable quantity may be had for the asking.



President Golding accepted the American Legion's National Citation for Employment of the Handicapped from Willard Dudley, Ohio Bureau of Employment Services, in ceremonies August 13 in Oelman Auditorium.

## EDITOR'S COLUMN

This column is being written before most of the copy of the first edition of WRIGHT NOW is completed. Therefore, I don't know what the rest of the paper will look like, but I do know what form it is supposed to take as we get into a publishing routine.

WRIGHT NOW is designed to inform the faculty and staff about University events and people... items of particular interest to this specialized audience. We intend to keep it timely and, hopefully, circumstances will sometimes allow it to bring you the first word about something significant at WSU.

We'll write about new people and new programs; we'll write about professional accomplishments and recognitions accorded to members of the University community.

WRIGHT NOW is not intended to be a rehash of that which has appeared elsewhere. However, there will be occasions when an item which has appeared in the public print, or on the air, is repeated because of its importance or because the public media gave it less coverage than was desirable.

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This newsletter will be a vehicle to apprise the entire faculty of an event open to all, but perhaps oriented toward a particular department or division.

I would welcome a summary (not the minutes!) of what transpires at the meetings of official committees of the University. If the secretaries of the committees will provide the information, we'll disseminate it.

Many of the aims of this newsletter will remain unfulfilled if contributions are not made by the readers. The staff is small and there are no beat reporters. If you have an item you think is of interest to your colleagues, please send it to the Communications Office.

We also welcome signed letters from our readers (although space limitations mean they must be brief).

#### DAYTON COUNCIL ON WORLD AFFAIRS

The Dayton Council on World Affairs has issued an invitation to the WSU Faculty to participate in their "Conversations With..." program.

This informal discussion group program begins October 7. Groups of 15 people will meet once a week for six weeks, each time with a different special guest whose background in some aspect of world affairs makes him an engaging conversationalist. The meetings are in private homes, with choices of morning or evening schedules and North and South locations.

More information can be obtained from DCOWA, 205 East First Street, 223-6203.

WRIGHT NOW will not compete with Action Line, but perhaps we can perform a similar service on campus. If there is something that irritates you, and the reason is not apparent, or you can't find a satisfactory explanation, perhaps we can.

It is our intention to publish this newsletter every two weeks. It will go into the mail on Fridays, with the deadline for contributions noon the preceding Wednesday. The next issue will be September 12.

Incidentally, if you're reading this over someone's shoulder in the bus because a copy was not sent to your home, please call the Communications Office (Ext. 787). We had to develop our mailing list from scratch and we apologize to anyone we missed.

Alan Herbert

#### PERIPATETIC PROFESSORS

Wright Staters are and have been a traveling group. Faculty members abroad this year include:

WILLIAM and CYNTHIA KING (Classics) in Europe this summer. She'll remain during the academic year.

WILLARD HUTZEL (Political Science) in Europe this summer.

BEATRICE CHAIT (Education) will teach in Iran this coming year.

EARL ZWETSCHKE (Education) taught in Honolulu this summer.

JAMES UPHOFF (Education) will study education behind the Iron Curtain later this year.

ROBERT KEGERREIS (Business Administration) traveled in Europe this summer.



If anyone desires a more complete biography on the ambassador, the Communications office can provide one.

I hope you will take full advantage of this educational bonus during the year. Naturally, since he will be spending time at all the consortium institutions, scheduling will be a problem. But inasmuch as he will be maintaining his office here, (436 W Millett) it will be easier for us to get to him, and for him to participate in our activities.

Bear in mind that this year is also going to be a learning experience for him, a "re-Americanization," so to speak.

I think we all have an interesting year in store for us.

Brage Golding

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**FACULTY  
ORIENTATION**      Orientation  
for new faculty  
members will  
take place Wednesday, September 24, from 9:30 to noon in 202 Millett.

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Dr. Thomas was buried in Dayton August 25, after a funeral service which included two moving tributes from close friends. One was Miss Katherine Dunham, the prominent dancer, with whom he worked closely at SIU.

President Golding, in a statement issued August 22, said of Dr. Thomas:

"His appointment as Provost...culminated a most intensive search for the proper person to guide the academic programs and personnel of this University.

"In the brief period of seven weeks since he joined us, he gave clear indications of the vital part he would play in the orderly growth of Wright State and in its quest for excellence.

"He was excited by the challenge he met here, and he attacked his work with zeal and obvious pleasure. His excitement rubbed off on those with whom he worked, and thankfully, that part of Bruce Thomas will remain with us.

"It was a difficult task finding Dr. Thomas. It will be immeasurably more difficult to replace him."

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